

NEWS / UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Despite the continued slowdown in home sales, Culpeper is still growing. Our Culpeper (Town and County) population estimate as of July 1st, 2007 is 45,639. "By right" residential projects approved by the Board of Supervisors in recent months have included a 4-lot subdivision submitted by Best Bilt Homes and a 34-lot subdivision submitted by Trigon Mills. However, most recent activity has been commercial in nature.

The Board of Supervisors, at the June 5, 2007 Board Meeting, approved an application made by Culpeper Crossroads to rezone 66.27 acres. The commercial development could include up to 591,410 square feet of restaurant, office and retail development. The project is located at the interchange of Routes 3 and 15/29.

Soon to begin construction is the Glory Days Grill located in the Culpeper Colonnade shopping center. A certificate of appropriateness was granted by the Architectural Review Board in September, 2006.



Another dining option coming to Culpeper is IHOP, the International House of Pancakes. The restaurant chain obtained its certificate of appropriateness from the Architectural Review Board in May 2007.

Recent applications indicate that we may have two more choices in pharmacy and convenience stores in the near future. Rite Aid was granted a use permit for a drive through in February, 2006 and the pharmacy's site plan will appear on the July Planning Commission agenda. Walgreen's has also submitted an application for a use permit to allow a dual drive through. This case was heard at the July 11th, 2007 Planning Commission meeting. The site plan for Walgreens has been submitted for consideration in August.

Notably, the site plan for the Terremark Worldwide, Inc. data center has nearly been completed, and construction of that major facility on Technology Drive is anticipated to begin soon.

In other news, the Culpeper County Planning and Zoning Department applied for, and last spring received, funding in the amount of \$42,000 from the Water Quality Improvement Fund administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. With a portion of those funds, the Department contracted the services of The Timmons Group to conduct steering committee meetings and to draft a Stormwater Management Ordinance for the County. The steering committee, made up of County staff, Soil and Water Conservation District staff, private sector planners and representatives from the development community, concluded its meetings in late July. The newly written Stormwater Management Ordinance is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission early this fall.

The Planning and Zoning Department hopes to provide updates and news in each issue of the *Culpeper Minutes*. Please feel free to call or email any member of the staff, if you have questions or comments.

WE ARE THE CULPEPER COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT
WHAT WE DO!

Our one major goal is life safety. The primary function of our Department is to ensure compliance with mandated code requirements that are identified in a publication known as the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). There are no building codes unique to, or generated by, Culpeper County.

Virginia Construction Code-Part I of the USBC- deals specifically with the construction of new buildings and structures, alterations, additions and changes of occupancy in existing buildings and structures and identifies all source documentation utilized to perform inspections.

Virginia Rehabilitation Code-Part II of the USBC- contains optional regulations specific to the rehabilitation of existing buildings that may be used as an acceptable alternative to the Virginia Construction Code.

Four additional reference booklets make up the **Virginia Administrative Code, (VAC)** which are the official compilation of state regulations of the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development published under the authority and guidance of the Virginia Code Commission.

1. **Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations “MHSR”** (Mobile Homes or Trailers) - refers to enforcement of the Federal Manufactured Home program. These are single-family dwellings manufactured off-site on a permanent chassis and transported to the point of use for assembly and installation.
2. **Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations “ISBR”** (Modular) - establishing statewide standards for the construction and installation of industrialized buildings and the regulation of the producers of such buildings. These buildings are manufactured off-site and transported to the point of use for assembly and installation.
3. **Virginia Certification Standards “VCS”** - establishing standards for the issuance of competence concerning the content, application and intent of specified subject areas of the Virginia building and fire regulations. These certificates are issued by the Board to the Building Official’s Technical Representatives or inspectors after certain testing and training requirements are met.
4. **Virginia Amusement Device Regulations “VADR”** - establishing standards for the construction, inspection, operation and maintenance of mobile and permanent amusement devices and structures which are open to the public and convey people in an unusual manner for diversion. Passenger tramways (ski-lifts) are also included.

The **Virginia Construction Code** provides the minimum standards accepted by the state and applies to commercial and residential construction taking place in the town and county.

The **Culpeper County Building Department** is structured as follows, to ensure those standards are met in the construction world:

County Building Official -charged with ensuring that all aspects of administration, reviewing of plans and field inspections are performed in accordance with the Virginia Construction Code. It is the responsibility of the Building Official to ensure his staff are certified as required by the USBC and VCS. The Building Official alone has the responsibility to render interpretations of the code, when a conflict arises pertaining to field inspections or plan review.

The Building Department has three divisions, each with its own specific area of expertise, but operating as a team, providing support where needed and focused on the same outcomes.

1. **The Administrative Division**, made up of Permit Technicians, which includes an Office Manager who oversees the day-to-day operations of the division and reports through the Deputy Building Official to the Building Official. Primary duties include but are not limited to:
 - The acceptance and processing of plans for construction, alteration or demolition of both residential and commercial structures.
 - The issuing of electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits for new construction and changes to existing structures.
2. **The Plan Review Division** has a team of four Plan Reviewers which provides, as needed, support to the field Inspections Division. Plan review times vary according to the number of times correspondence has to go back and

forth to clarify a particular point. Any delay in providing the needed information back to the plan review staff extends the length of time it will take for the plan to be issued.

3. **The Inspection Division** is comprised of both residential and commercial inspection staff operating under the Senior Building Inspector. Each inspector is responsible for a specific route comprised of groups of tax-map numbers. Currently four full-time inspectors take on the residential inspections with two providing commercial inspections.

Now that you know a little about us let us identify some areas that we feel need more public knowledge awareness.

Swimming pools - we know this is a sensitive subject because everyone likes to stay cool on those hot summer days. Permits are not required for wading pools or for: “Swimming pools that have a surface area not greater than 150 square feet (13.95 m²), do not exceed 5,000 gallons (19 000 L) and are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.” *USBC, Section 108.2 item number 7.* If you meet all the requirements of this section you don’t have to obtain a permit for a pool. However, if you exceed any ONE item, you are required to have a permit for a pool and you will also have to meet requirements for fencing, special ladders, notification devices etc.

Amusement devices are defined in the Virginia Amusement Device standards (VADR) and cover a wide range of items including Ferris wheels, loop to loop, gravity rides and “Kiddie Rides.” The purpose of the VADR standards is to keep your child safe. A “Kiddie Ride” must take two hours or less for set-up, the passenger height of the rider must be 54” or less, and the design capacity is 12 occupants or less. A rented or purchased moon bounce, rock-climbing wall, or air slide to be used by the public in a venue such as a park, parking lot, or a church or school, or a fundraising event for any organization, requires a permit. A permit would not be required if the Kiddie Ride were to be used in a private setting such as a birthday party at a home setting. If the public is allowed in or if admission is charged, a permit would be required. To obtain a permit the following issues must be considered:

1. Is the responsible person insured to the minimum amount of liability insurance of \$500,000 per occurrence?
2. Does the device meet the inspection criteria set forth by the Commonwealth of Virginia?
3. Is a copy of the manufacturer’s design specifications for set-up on hand and available for review? These documents provide restrictions on operation, set-up and maintenance.
4. Are safety constraints in place to prevent an accident, or if one occurs are plans in place for the right actions?
5. Are documents required by the VADR on hand that instruct the owner/operator on how and what chemicals to utilize for clean-up in the event bodily fluids find their way onto any surface that small children would contact?

These are but a few of the issues that would be discussed during the inspection. Again these requirements are set forth to protect the public, specifically the young children who participate.

In this particular edition of the *Culpeper Minutes* we have briefly discussed a few items that are seasonal and current. In future editions we will discuss other topics to provide you with an in-depth look at how and why we do what we do.

Our Department and the County suffered with the loss of the Building Official, Bill Myers. Bill was a fine gentleman and admired by many. A local contractor stated at Bill’s funeral, “I never met a Building Official I liked, but I liked Bill Myers.” No better tribute could be paid to Bill Myers’ legacy. Bill instilled in his staff that while we are here to enforce Virginia Commonwealth mandated code requirements, we are also here to help our customer base understand and meet the minimal requirements set forth in all the code standards resulting in no life safety issues. This was Bill’s belief, and it remains ours.

**REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
PLANNING DISTRICT #9
CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES**

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experience encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Language Arts, Reading
- Mathematics

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

**George Washington Carver
Education and Training Center
GED Testing Schedule
Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner**

GED Schedule

September 21 & 22

October 26 & 27

November 16 & 17

December 14 & 15

January 18 & 19, 2008

**You need to register 10 days before the test date.
Reasonable accommodations are available upon request for individuals who qualify.**

The George Washington Carver Education and Training Center is open to take your GED application Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and Friday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Additionally, we are open late on Monday and Thursday evenings until 8:00 P.M.

Regional Adult Education

(540) 825-0476

Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation, or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages). Work on your reading, writing and math skills for GED and speaking skills for ESOL.
Call for information.

GWC GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM./Tues. & Thurs.
GWC, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA.

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./
Health & Human Resources, 219 E. Davis St., Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Health & Human Resources
219 E. Davis St., Culpeper, VA & Culpeper Depot, 113 S. Commerce St., Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon.
Virginia Community Bank, 701 South Main St., Culpeper, VA

EL/Civics – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Culpeper County High School, 14240 Achievement Dr., Culpeper, VA

Head Start ESOL – 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Prospect Heights Annex, 200 Dailey Dr., Orange, VA

Fast Track Class – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
GWC, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA

Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Madison GED – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, 500 W. Baker St., Gordonsville, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Orange County High School, Room #136, 201 Selma Rd., Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA

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RACE TO A BETTER FUTURE**



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REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
George Washington Carver
Education and Training Center
9432 James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733
Telephone (540) 825-0476

Fall 2007 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

CLASS	DAY/SITE	BEG.-END	SESSIONS	TIME	FEE
Beginning Astronomy	TBA/C	TBA	1	8:00 P.M.	FREE
Computers for Seniors	T/C	10/9 – 11/6	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Computers for Seniors	T/C	11/13 – 12/11	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Conversational Spanish	W/C	10/10 -12/5	8	6:00-8:00 PM	\$125.00
Internet I	T/C	10/9 – 11/6	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	M/C	11/12 – 12/10	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet II	M/C	11/12 – 12/10	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	M/C	10/8 – 11/5	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	W/C	11/14 – 12/12	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	10/4 – 11/1	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	11/8 –12/13	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel II	TH/C	11/8 –12/13	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	W/C	10/10 –11/7	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	T/C	11/13 – 12/11	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word II	T/C	11/13 – 12/11	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00

All Classes at George Washington Carver Education and Training Center

GWC
TV23

Catch “That Virginia Feeling”

Something big is happening at GWC! The George Washington Carver (GWC) Training & Education Center has launched a television outlet—TV23—serving the counties of Culpeper, Orange and Madison. With eyes firmly fixed on the future, GWC will soon expand coverage into other localities as well.

So, *Catch “That Virginia Feeling”* and take advantage of the excitement and buzz that’s going to be growing as we sign on September 1. More people will see your message on TV23 more often,

For a *Catch “That Virginia Feeling”* Information Packet, call Ella Marr at 540-825-1928
ellagwc@yahoo.com or
greg@gwctv23.com

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September 4, 24—October 15
November 26, December 17

CARPENTRY (with forklift cert.)

Call Jeff @ 540-825-5005

September 4—October 29

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE
SEMINARS

Call Ramon @ 540-825-2817
for Class Dates

WELDING (Open Enrollment)

Call Ramon @ 540-825-2817
to Enroll (Tues & Thurs 4-7 p.m.)

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Proceeds Benefit GWC, a 501 (c)3 Education Center

Winner responsible for all taxes, licenses and transportation. Must be 18 years or older to enter.
GWC will assist with transportation and delivery.

Drawing is December 31, 2007 at GWC, 9432 James Madison Highway, Rapidan, VA 22733

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of Motor Trend 1974



George Washington Carver Education & Training Center
9432 James Madison Highway, Rapidan, Virginia 22733



District Holds Rain Barrel Workshop



The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District and Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in Madison conducted a rain barrel workshop on Saturday May 12. The workshop was paid for, in part, by a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Chesapeake Bay Program. The workshop began with a short informational presentation on groundwater recharge and runoff, courtesy of Peter Francisco SWCD and Virginia Clean Waterways. To see the slide show visit our website at

www.culpeper.vaswcd.org,

click on What's New & choose

the Rain Barrel Workshop Power Point.

After the presentation, registered participants were able to assemble their own rain barrels. Thirty-two people attended the workshop and purchased 75 black, plastic, 55-gallon barrels to use for non-potable water. An additional 68 barrels were sold to people that could not attend the workshop. **If all these barrels are filled to capacity just once, 7, 865 gallons of water can be harvested!**

If you want to conserve water or even lower water costs, a rain barrel is just one step in promoting environmental conservation practices. A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop to use later for things like lawn and garden watering and washing pets. A barrel will save water during peak summer months for use outdoors instead of paying a higher water bill or using your well and electricity.

The District is currently taking names of people interested in attending a rain barrel workshop. If the interest is high, Culpeper SWCD will hold another workshop on Saturday September 22. Call Culpeper SWCD at 825-8591 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The updated Culpeper County Soil Survey is now online! You can view maps by county, address and parcel number.

Visit: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Coming Soon to a Classroom Near You!

In August 2006 Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District received two grants to develop educational projects. The grants are from The Chesapeake Bay Restorative Fund Advisory Committee. The fund receives monies collected by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for the "Friend of the Chesapeake Bay" license plates. For each plate sold or renewed at \$25, \$10 goes to the DMV and \$15 goes to the Chesapeake Bay Restorative Fund Advisory Committee. The fund, which is under the Virginia Division of Legislative Services, advises the General Assembly on how the money collected should be spent for educational projects targeting the Chesapeake Bay.

The license plates have been available since 1992. The sales have resulted, to date, in \$3.8 million being disbursed to fund educational projects.

For fiscal year 06/07, \$350,565 was awarded for educational projects across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Two grants, totaling \$8,050 were awarded to Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District.

One grant funded the Soil Tunnel, a 3-D, interactive model which educates young people about soils. The Soil Tunnel will address Standards of Learning (SOL) for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. The topics the Soil Tunnel will address include soil layers and types, animals and plants. The District received \$3,650 to purchase supplies and assemble the model as well as travel and employee time to visit schools in the District counties of Culpeper, Greene, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock to educate students and teachers.

The Soil Tunnel will be finished by the time school starts in August. The pictures below are from Hanover/Caroline SWCD, who gave Culpeper SWCD permission to use the idea.



If you would like more information about best management practices, reporting pollution, moving dirt and other issues regarding soil and water conservation, please contact Stephanie Rose DeNicola, Communications Specialist of Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District at (540) 825-8591.



Aging Together Announces New Programs to Help Caregiving Families

***Aging Together** is a regional partnership dedicated to improving quality of life for older adults and their families in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region, which includes Culpeper County. This edition's article discusses steps we are taking to support family caregivers.*

Two important programs to support caregiving families in Culpeper will soon be underway: **DayBreak**, adult day healthcare center, and **Family Caregiver Classes**.

Why are these programs important? Many people think of “long-term care” as something provided in a facility such as a nursing home, but in fact far more assistance to older adults is from families. In a 2002 regional Elder Needs assessment, 27% of adults 60 and over reported that they needed help in activities of daily living. This ranges from help with shopping or paying bills to personal care, such as bathing. Of that assistance, seniors reported, 80% was provided by family members and friends.

Although in many ways the value of this care is almost beyond calculation, there is data available on the dollar value of “free” caregiving. An AARP 2006 study found that family caregiving in this country has an estimated value of \$350 billion. This amount is *more than the total spending for Medicaid* for the same period. It is only right that we support this indispensable human resource on which we rely so heavily. Here are the two new programs that can benefit family caregivers:



Photo courtesy of Administration on Aging

DayBreak

DayBreak is a licensed adult day healthcare center that provides a nurturing, safe environment for adults who need help with daily health and personal care activities. This regional center, new this summer, is located at 13820 Eggbornsville Road in Culpeper. Our deep appreciation goes to the Culpeper Department of Human Services for funding support of building renovations to help make this possible.

DayBreak is a win-win for participants and their caregiving families. *Participants benefit* from stimulating programs, social contact, and access to special therapies. While their loved ones attend, *caregivers benefit* by having more time for themselves, the freedom to continue working if they choose, more energy to take care of their loved ones and an opportunity to meet and talk with other caregivers.

DayBreak offers a wide range of services. It includes care provided by qualified professionals, social and recreational activities, health monitoring, medication administration as needed, a nutritious lunch and two snacks a day. The program also provides information about caregiving and connection with local support networks, including aging services.

DayBreak serves adults 18 and older who meet the admission requirements and accepts Medicaid, private insurance and private pay. Scholarships may also be available. In addition, transportation is provided in many areas. DayBreak is a wonderful opportunity for both participants and their families. For more information or to arrange a tour call the **DayBreak Program Manager at (540) 727-7097**.

Family Caregiver Classes

Often when an older adult becomes disabled and needs care, family members feel thrust into a situation for which they feel ill prepared and overwhelmed. How do you lift, bathe, or dress an adult safely? Where can you find resources to help you? How can you take care of yourself? **Aging Together's** Caregiver Education and Support Work Group is offering a series of classes in Culpeper to provide tools and information for family caregivers. The classes will be held on four successive Thursdays in October from 6:30-8:30 PM. Topics include:

- October 4:** Providing Hands-on Care and Home Safety.
- October 11:** Healthy Eating and Nutrition.
- October 18:** Legal and Financial Issues.
- October 25:** Caring for the Caregiver.

The October 4 class will be held at the Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community. All others will be held at Hospice of the Rapidan Conference Center. There is *no charge* for the classes. To register or for more information call **Valarie Diamond at 825-4840** or **Bonnie Vermillion at 825-2411**. **Aging Together** recognizes that family caregiving is a cornerstone of long term care. If you know families providing care to their loved ones, please remember to thank them for their invaluable and compassionate contributions to our community—and be sure to tell them about these programs! To learn more about **Aging Together's** many initiatives to improve quality of life for older adults and their families, contact us (540) 829-6405, via email at info@agingtogether.org, or visit our website www.agingtogether.org

Culpeper County Health Department

Protecting Public Health: Culpeper County Health Department

The Virginia Department of Health has been working to promote and protect the health of Virginia's citizens since 1947. Culpeper County Health Department, one of five county health departments in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District, offers services that support good health through disease prevention, environmental safeguards and health promotion. Clinical programs include maternity care, immunizations, health screenings, nutrition education and dental care. The health department is a cooperative program that operates with county, state, and federal grant funds.

The Culpeper County public health staff monitors the distribution and causes of disease in the community. We monitor the level of respiratory infections (seasonal influenza), gastrointestinal infections, disorders from agents that may be used for bioterrorism and any other conditions of public health importance, in order to determine when, where and why people are getting sick. We then use this information to prevent and control the spread of disease in our community.

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Program develops plans to respond to public health emergencies, such as acts of bioterrorism or infectious disease outbreaks. These plans include development of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps (RRMRC), a group of pre-trained volunteers available to help in an emergency. The Epidemiology Response Team ("Epi Team") consists of Health Department staff who commit to additional training activities and meet on a regular basis to enhance their ability to respond in the event of a public health emergency. To further improve the level of public health knowledge on all fronts, we conduct periodic training and drills regularly between the "Epi Team", the RRMRC, and other community partners.

The Environmental Health Division regulates and monitors private water and sewage system permits and conducts inspections of restaurants, commercial/public swimming pools, child-care facilities, homes for the aged, local jails, and camp facilities for recreation or migrant labor use. Environmental health specialists also investigate public health concerns such as rabies, West Nile Virus, food-borne diseases and coordinate responses to these and a variety of public health situations.

Culpeper County offers public health clinics where the focus is both treatment of existing conditions and prevention of a number of disorders. One focus area for our Clinic activity is in providing affordable services directed toward the well-being of women of child-bearing age and school-age children.

Maternity clinics provide prenatal care. Family planning clinics are available to women of reproductive age, who are in need of gynecological care, and we also offer general women's clinics where the focus is on providing cancer detection and education. Service is provided on a sliding fee scale and we accept Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, and Anthem insurance.

Children's health clinics offer well-child check-ups and school physicals for children, based on eligibility. Always a favorite with the kids, our immunization clinics provide children with all required vaccines, free of charge regardless of health insurance coverage. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program offers nutrition education and food to pregnant and breastfeeding women and to children up to age five. This program provides key nutrients for growth at important stages of life and connects families with additional community services. Although enrollment is based on income, a family of three earning up to \$2,648 per month could qualify for the program. Interested families should call the Health Department to schedule a WIC appointment.

Other clinical services that we offer include counseling and vaccination for overseas travel, tuberculosis (TB) screening and follow-up, and sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinics. Certain services, such as STD screening and treatment, are offered free of charge to all Culpeper County residents, regardless of health insurance coverage.

Our Dental Clinic offers complete dental care to children who are income-eligible. Services include cleanings, x-rays, fillings, extractions and more. During the school year children can be transported by the school to the Dental Clinic without a parent having to be present. The Clinic is located across from Sycamore Park Elementary on Radio Lane and sees patients on Wednesdays. Please call 672-1291 ext.126 or 829-7681 to schedule an appointment.

To provide all of these services, we rely on the excellent support of our administrative staff members. These friendly folks are our first contact with the community and work hard to track eligibility, schedule appointments and provide a wide variety of general support functions. For questions, or to find out more about the Culpeper County Health Department, please call us at 829-7350 or visit on the web at <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/LHD/RappahannockRapidan/culpeper.htm>

Culpeper County Prescription Drug Discount CARD Offers Savings for UNINSURED and UNDERINSURED Residents

Discount Cards Offering Average Savings of 20 Percent Off Retail Price

Culpeper County is pleased to offer a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs. The County provides free prescription drug discount cards under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo). Savings average 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards may be used by all County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at various County pharmacies. A national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies will also honor the NACo prescription discount card.

“Culpeper County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo,” said Sheila D. Farmer-Dumas, Risk Manager. “The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our County, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program.”

Best of all, there is no cost to County taxpayers for NACo and Culpeper County to make these money-saving cards available to our residents.

Cards are available at the following locations: Culpeper County Department of Human Services, Sam’s Place, Culpeper County Health Department, Culpeper County Treasurer’s Office, Culpeper County Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office, Extension Services Office, Culpeper County Library, Culpeper Pharmacy, CVS Pharmacy, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Safeway Pharmacy and Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancerox.com> for assistance with the program.

The NACo prescription discount card is easy to use. Simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. One card per family is all that is needed.

The discount card program is administered by Caremark Rx, Inc.

What is it?

- A Card to save on prescription drugs
- Free Enrollment for County Residents
- Average savings of 20%
- No limits
- No age requirements—you do NOT need to be a Medicare beneficiary to enroll
- No income requirements
- Family coverage
- Use it anytime your prescription is not covered by insurance
- Offered jointly by Culpeper County and the National Association of Counties (NACo)
- For more information call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancerox.com> or visit www.culpepercounty.gov and click on NACo

PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES

CULPEPER PHARMACY 261 SOUTHGATE Phone: (540) 825-7576	RITE AID PHARMACY 705 DOMINION SQUARE Phone: (540) 825-0703
CVS PHARMACY 150 MADISON RD Phone: (540) 825-8322	SAFEWAY PHARMACY 309 SOUTHGATE Phone: (540) 825-5335
RITE AID PHARMACY 590 MADISON RD Phone: (540) 727-0483	WAL-MART PHARMACY 801 JAMES MADISON HWY Phone: (540) 825-4114

PROGRAM UPDATE
Through June 2007

The total dollars saved by County residents using the discount prescription card since November, 2006 has been \$28,700.00.

There have been a total of 1,334 prescriptions filled over the past 8 months with a percentage price savings per prescription of 19.48%.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

“I admire the dedication and commitment of the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers, who make the nation a safer and healthier place, community by community.”
Acting U.S. Surgeon General, Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu

At the recent Medical Reserve Corps National Conference the Acting U.S. Surgeon General outlined priorities for the health of individuals and the nation as a whole. The overarching goal is to improve health literacy, and in support of this, work towards increasing disease prevention, eliminating health disparities, and improving public health preparedness.

These priorities provide the Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps (RRMRC) units with specific areas to target that will strengthen the public health infrastructure within our local communities.
The RRMRC provides:

- Presentations on Pandemic Influenza and All-Hazards Preparedness to interested businesses, civic groups, and schools
- Information in English and Spanish on Preparedness, Breast Cancer, West Nile virus, Rabies and Poison Safety at community and health fairs
- Training for volunteers
- Assistance at Virginia Department of Health flu shot clinics

You can learn more about the RRMRC by going online at <http://rrmrc.vdh.virginia.gov>. To schedule a presentation for your business or community group please contact the RRMRC office at 540-829-7350 ext 132, or rrmrc@vdh.virginia.gov If you would like to join the RRMRC, you can complete an application on the website. New volunteers are always welcome.

**Have you become physically and/or verbally abusive to your spouse or significant other?
Help is available.
Contact Culpeper County Criminal Justice Services at 540-727-3450
for a referral to a treatment provider.**

Environmental Services Update

Hazardous Waste Collection

Culpeper County’s sixth household hazardous waste collection event was a success. The event was held on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Floyd T. Binns Middle School parking lot. Care Environmental collected 70 drums/containers of hazardous wastes.

A breakdown of the waste stream is provided in the chart.

We would like to thank all the residents who participated in the collection event for properly disposing of their hazardous waste. Improper disposal of these products pollutes our environment and can injure collection workers.

Culpeper Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event		
May 12, 2007		
Quantity	Unit	Contents
7	55 Gal drum	Flammable Paint
6	55 Gal drum	Flammable Liquid
26	Cu. Yd. box	Flammable Liquid
1	55 Gal drum	Oxidizing Solid
5	55 Gal drum	Pesticide Liquid
4	55 Gal drum	Pesticide Solid
1	55 Gal drum	Corrosive Acids
3	55 Gal drum	Corrosive Bases
1	5 Gal drum	Dry Cell Batteries
4	55 Gal drum	Latex Paint
1	55 Gal drum	Propane
1	55 Gal drum	Fire Extinguishers
2	Cu. Yd. box	Aerosols
1	5 Gal drum	Mercury
1	55 Gal drum	Antifreeze
6	55 Gal drum	Motor oil

Registrar
Michele White

Welcome to Voter Registration in Culpeper!

Hello. I am Michele White, Culpeper County’s newly appointed General Registrar. First, I would like to thank all those who supported me through the appointment process. I am ready to get to work as your Registrar. I plan to use this column on a regular basis to promote voter registration and encourage participation in the election process.

Please note that our office phone numbers have changed. The new phone numbers are 540-825-0652 and 540-825-0726. I can also be reached via email at: registrar@culpepercounty.gov Our fax number will remain the same – 540-825-8454.



I would also like to clarify the voter registration process and how this relates to transactions that you take care of at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If you have moved recently or have a name change, please be sure to fill out a new voter registration form at DMV or with this Office. To explain further, please do not assume that because you have been to DMV to change your address, that your voter registration has automatically been updated. There is NOT a data link between DMV computer records and the State Board of Elections – these departments have separate databases. DMV is simply a state agency that offers voter registration as an additional service. If you are unsure whether your registration is up to date, please call me at the Voter Registration Office, and I will be happy to check it for you.

The Constitution of Virginia requires that you be registered in the precinct in which you live in order to be qualified to vote. In order to be eligible to vote in the next election, to be held on Tuesday, **November 6, 2007**, you may register in person at the local Voter Registration Office or any designated State Voter Registration Agency no later than the normal close of business of that agency on **Tuesday, October 9, 2007**.

You may also download the voter registration form from www.sbe.virginia.gov or call this local Office to have a form mailed to you. Please fill out the voter registration form COMPLETELY and return it to 131 West Davis Street, Culpeper, Virginia, 22701. If mailed, the voter registration application must be postmarked no later than **Tuesday, October 9, 2007**.

Once you have submitted your registration form, you should receive a voter registration card in the mail. If you do not receive one, contact this Office to make sure that your application has been processed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last Day to Register to Vote:

October 9, 2007

2007 General Election:

November 6, 2007

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

540-825-0652

540-825-0726

From Your Commissioner of the Revenue

Terry L. Yowell



ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

IRS Starts e-Newsletter Just for Small Businesses

The IRS has started a new service, *e-News for Small Business*. Distributed every Wednesday it brings timely, useful tax information right to your computer including, but not limited to:

- Important, upcoming tax dates
- What's new on the IRS Web site
- Reminders and tips to assist businesses with tax compliance
- IRS news releases and special IRS announcements

e-News' convenient format will put IRS tax information at your fingertips. "Useful Links" brings you quickly to some of the most useful information on IRS.gov for large and small businesses and the self-employed.

To start your FREE subscription to e-News, just go to IRS.gov, click on Businesses, News, and E-subscription. Select e-news for small business, type in your e-mail address and submit.

Or, you can type in this link:

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/content/0,,id=154826,00.html>

Transient Occupancy Tax for Lodging Facilities

Like many other localities throughout Virginia Culpeper County levies a tax on temporary lodging, known as the Transient Occupancy Tax. The Transient Occupancy Tax applies to any public or private hotel, inn, apartment hotel, hostelry, tourist home or house, motel, rooming house, bed and breakfast, boardinghouse, travel campground or other facility offering guest rooms rented out for continuous occupancy for fewer than thirty consecutive days. The tax is equivalent to two percent (2%) of the total amount charged for room or space.

Specific information on the Transient Occupancy tax can be reviewed on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov under Areas of Interest, County Code, Chapter 12 Article IX. Every person/business responsible for the collection of the Transient Occupancy tax is required to file an application for a certificate of registration with the Commissioner of the Revenue. The County Code article 12-115 states that every person/business required to collect the taxes levied under the provisions of this article shall also file a tax return for each calendar year, and that each annual tax return shall be filed with the Commissioner of the Revenue with remittance of the tax required to be collected for the previous year. Reporting forms and remittances are due to the Commissioner's Office by the 31st day of March, annually, and shall cover the taxes required to be collected by the owner or operator during the previous year.

Registration and Annual Remittance forms may also be obtained on the internet at www.culpepercounty.gov/commissioner/index.htm under the "Reports, Forms & Information" heading.

If you have questions or would like to discuss Transient Occupancy Tax in more detail, please stop by the Office, call 540-727-3443 or e-mail me at Tyowell@culpepercounty.gov



COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

The 2007 general reassessment of real property has been completed. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to each property owner. Your cooperation and willingness to share information with us is greatly appreciated.

This was Culpeper County's first in-house assessment, and it has been quite an undertaking. The process was started in the summer of 2005 with our Field Data Technicians visiting each property to verify the information that we had on record. As the field sheets were returned to the office, our Data Entry Clerks made the appropriate changes. The Appraisal Team examined the market conditions to establish an equalized value for each property. The assessment notices were mailed on February 28, 2007. We have spoken with many of you concerning your assessments or about values in general. We are grateful for the interest you have taken and encourage you to continue to drop by or call the office with any questions or comments you might have.

In the past, property owners had very limited time to discuss their assessment concerns with the Independent Contractor hired by the County. Now with the assessment process being conducted in-house, our appraisers are able to work with property owners much more quickly and efficiently. Our in-house appraisal team is knowledgeable, experienced and familiar with the properties being assessed and is readily available to meet with property owners.

On May 1, 2007 at its regular monthly meeting the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to have the Commissioner of the Revenue, who is designated as the Assessor for Culpeper County, reassess and equalize real estate values on a 2-year cycle. The next general reassessment will become effective January 1, 2009.

Preparation for the 2009 reassessment is already in progress. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please stop by the Office, call me or e-mail me at Tyowell@culpepercounty.gov.

INTRODUCING E-COMMISSIONER ONLINE ADDRESS CHANGE REQUEST



Have you moved? Do we have your most current mailing address? Property Owners may now provide mailing address changes for Personal Property and Real Estate information via the internet. To access the address change module simply go to www.cupepercounty.gov and click on Commissioner of the Revenue under "Elected Officials". On the Commissioner of the Revenue page under "Online Services" click on "e-Commissioner". Finally click on "->address change request" and follow the convenient instructions.



New Rabies Vaccination/Dog Tag Laws begin July 1, 2007

David L. DeJarnette
Culpeper County Treasurer
540-727-3442

Jamie A. Bennett
Animal Services Director
540-547-4477

Existing State and County law requires that all dogs and cats four (4) months old or older be vaccinated with a rabies vaccine that has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Such vaccination shall be administered by, or under the supervision of, a licensed veterinarian.

In compliance with State law Culpeper County requires that every such dog be licensed, unless the dog is trained and serves as a guide for a blind person or a hearing dog for a deaf or hearing-impaired person. This includes dogs that reside in the Town or are exclusively house pets.

You may purchase your dog license/tag either by mail (application below) or in person at the Treasurer's Office, Courthouse Building, 135 W. Cameron Street. **You must present evidence of vaccination** and pay a licensing fee. The current fees are **\$10.00 for a sexed dog or \$5.00 for an unsexed dog**. Any person running a commercial dog kennel or keeping dogs in a kennel enclosure may apply for kennel license tags. Kennel license tags are sold in blocks of ten (10) for \$50.00. Evidence of vaccination for each dog must be presented, and if the number of dogs owned is less than ten, the remainder of the tags will be held in the Treasurer's Office until additional dogs are acquired.

As of July 1, 2007, per the Code of Virginia, veterinarians are required to provide within 45 days of giving a rabies vaccine a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate or the information contained in such certificate to the Treasurer of the locality in which they practice.

After 90 days from month's end for the rabies information received, the Treasurer shall compare dog licenses they issued to the records received and verify that a dog tag has been issued for all animals. If the owner has failed to apply for a license, the Treasurer shall transmit an application to the owner within 30 days and request the owner to submit a completed application and pay the appropriate fee.

If after 30 days of notice the owner still has not purchased a dog license, the Treasurer shall notify Animal Control of all owners who received rabies vaccines and have not purchased a dog license.

Make check payable to *Culpeper County Treasurer*.

DOG LICENSE / TAG APPLICATION

TO PURCHASE YOUR DOG LICENSE BY MAIL (OR THROUGH ANIMAL SERVICES),
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION (ONE FOR EACH DOG),
ATTACH A COPY OF THE RABIES CERTIFICATE, AND RETURN/MAIL TO:
Culpeper County Treasurer, PO Box 1447, Culpeper, VA 22701-6447

OWNER' S LAST NAME: _____, FIRST: _____ MIDDLE: _____

CO-OWNER'S LAST NAME: _____, FIRST: _____ MIDDLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

PET'S NAME: _____ BREED: _____ COLOR: _____

SEX: ☐ MALE \$10.00 ☐ FEMALE \$10.00 ☐ UNSEXED (Neutered or Spayed) \$5.00

(For OFFICE Use Only - RABIES CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION and PAYMENT INFORMATION)

DOG TAG ISSUED: _____ RABIES CERTIFICATE ATTACHED: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

DATE: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ CHECK # _____ or CASH ENCLOSED: _____

DEPUTY'S NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____



Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

H. Lee Hart, Sheriff

110 W. Cameron Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

540.727.7520 EMERGENCY 9-1-1

www.culpepersheriffsoffice.com

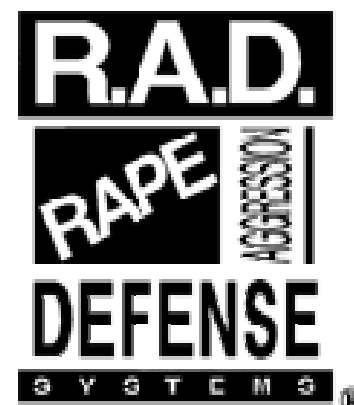


Youth Law Enforcement Academy

On July 2, 2007 twenty two Culpeper teenagers graduated from the first annual Sheriff's Office Youth Academy. The week-long camp was available to teenagers 14-17 years old. The program included: basic crime scene investigation, firearms safety with practice on a live fire range, the effects of alcohol and drugs, crime scene processing and fingerprinting, canine demonstration, patrol procedures, motor vehicle stops, military etiquette drill and ceremony, and a demonstration by the Virginia State Police bomb detection unit.

Rape Aggression Defense Training

The R.A.D. System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office offers this 9-hour course once a month, and it is free of charge to Culpeper County residents. For more information contact Missy Robson at (540) 727-7520.



Internet Crimes Against Children

The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office joined The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force under the auspices of the Bedford County, Virginia Sheriff's Office and Operation Blue Ridge Thunder in 2005. In January of 2007 we were reallocated to the Northern Virginia DC Task Force. The Mission of ICAC is to safeguard our children from Internet crime, online predators, and against unsolicited advances or exposure to adult materials. The Task Force, its partners, and affiliates are diligently working to make the Internet a safer place through active investigations, seeking out criminals, and by providing education to parents, students, and groups.

The ICAC Task Force Program was created to help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. The program is currently composed of 46 regional Task Force agencies and is funded by the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. It is our mission to do all that we can to prevent the exploitation of children and to safeguard their well-being. The bottom line is—a child's innocence can never be replaced.

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CULPEPER REGIONAL AIRFEST 2007

Mark your calendars now to join us at the 8th annual *Culpeper Airport Air Fest; a Tribute to Nancy Lynn* on Saturday, **October 13, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Culpeper Regional Airport** located in Brandy Station, VA. Rain date is Sunday, October 14, 2007. This **FREE** event has something for the entire family. Tour the County Airport, talk with the pilots about their planes and enjoy free airplane rides for ages 8-17 provided by the Young Eagles program. For those of you older than 17 but desiring an airplane flight, John Corradi of *Blue Ridge Bi-Plane Rides* will be giving bi-plane rides for a fee. Aircraft from restored antiques to modern jets will be on display. Don't miss the Bealeton Flying Circus and their spectacular wing-walking event, Charlie Schwenker in his Extra 300, RC model airplanes, Dr. Smoke in his Marchetti and others performing in the afternoon. Also, come out and see the many spectacular Warbirds including the Percival Provost, a Royal Air Force Trainer based here at Culpeper. We may also have a special appearance by a B25 Bomber. Be sure to keep posted for information on this one of a kind head-turner. What is there for the young'uns to do, you ask? We will have face painting, balsa-glider races and the model airplanes. For those of you interested in keeping your feet firmly on the ground but would still love to experience flight, might I suggest that you take a simulated flight. Ken Hyde of the *Wright Experience* will be on hand with his simulator, a truly unique experience. We can't forget the food. Goodies such as hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue and smoothies will be available for the lunch crowd.



Warbirds in formation flight



Preparing for flight

Look to the sky on Friday, October 12th, from 3:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. and see an airplane towing a banner announcing the Air Fest on Saturday. It should be a neat sight. Culpeper Airport is located approximately 9 miles North of the Town of Culpeper off Rt. 29. Turn left at the stop light and follow the signs. Come out and view life from another angle – see the County from the air!! For more information call (540) 825-8280 or visit the Air Fest link from www.culpepercounty.gov

Volunteers are critical to the success of our annual Air Fest. We would like to request your participation in this year's event. When you volunteer, you will receive an official Air Fest T-shirt, a free lunch during the Fest, an opportunity to have dinner the Friday before the Fest with performers and sponsors, and an experience to remember for a lifetime. If you are interested, please visit our link from the County website: www.culpepercounty.gov. Fill out the short form, and it will automatically be emailed to the airport.

Telephone Number for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT): 540-829-7500
To report Road Hazards or Snow-Flood Conditions: 800-367-7623 Toll Free